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MECHANISM

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of July 21, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on October 21, 2004, and which has been extended, by the herein enclosed Request for Extension of Time, to expire on December 21, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection of the claims in view of the herein contained amendment and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Response.